

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3110.22US02

Hochschuler et al.

Confirmation No.: 7691

Application No.: 10/804,761

Examiner: Michael J. Araj

Filed: March 19, 2004

Group Art Unit: 3775

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

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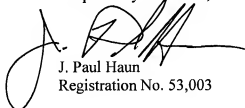
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), an extension of time of three (3) months (from February 13, 2009, to May 13, 2009) within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 13, 2008, is requested. Electronic payment is submitted by credit card to cover the extension fee. Applicants are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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